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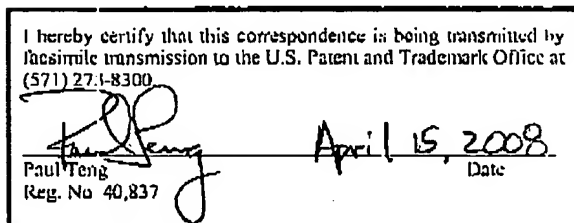
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- Group I. Claims 1-8, 17, 22, 23 and 33-35, drawn to an apparatus or method for generating a synchronization signal, classified in class 358, subclass 1.5; and
- Group II. Claims 9-16, 25-32, 36 and 37, drawn to an apparatus and method of forming an image, classified in class 358, subclass 1.1.